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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Banker et al.

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: Group Art Unit: 1723

TITLE: Micro-Equilibrium Dialysis Vertically-Loaded

Apparatus

Director – U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE** 

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2002, in the subject patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel nonelected claims 18-38 without prejudice, and please cancel claim 6 as it is duplicative of amended claim 1.

Please add new claim 39 as follows:

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